

Wildlife Division PO Box 200701 Helena MT 59020-0701 December 11, 2009

#### Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is requesting public comment on hunting season structure proposals adopted by the FWP Commission at its December 10 meeting.

The information below represents proposals for:

- Y Nonresident Deer and Elk Permit Application Deadlines and other Application Elements
- Y 2010-2011 Deer, Elk and Antelope Seasons and HD Boundaries
- Y 2010-2011 Moose, Sheep and Goat Seasons and HD Boundaries
- ↑ 2010-2011 Black Bear Seasons, HD Boundaries and Quotas
- Υ 2010-2011 Deer, Elk, Antelope, Moose, Sheep, Goat and Black Bear Biennial Quota Ranges
- ↑ 2010-2011 Bison Seasons and Boundaries
- Y 2010-2011 Lion Seasons and HD Boundaries
- $\Upsilon$  2010-2011 Upland Game Bird and Turkey Seasons and Quotas
- Υ 2010-2011 Hunting Season Dates
- Y 2010-2011 Game Damage/Management Season Quota Authorizations

With the exceptions of the changes listed below, 2009 regulations are being re-proposed for 2010 and 2011. For reference, 2009 regulations are available on the FWP website <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/regulations.html">http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/regulations.html</a>

Additionally, 46 public meetings are scheduled at locations across Montana throughout much of January. That meeting schedule is enclosed.

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Bureau office at 406-444-2612. To submit comments electronically, this letter with the imbedded link below can be found under "Opportunity for Public Comment" on the Hunting home page at the fwp.mt.gov website. Written comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Bureau, Attn: Public Comment, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701. The deadline for public comment is 5 PM on Friday, January 22, 2010.

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## Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks PROPOSED 2010 – 2011 HUNTING SEASONS From December 10, 2009 FWP Commission Meeting

NOTE: No changes from 2009 season elements are proposed EXCEPT the specific items generally listed below. Proposals for the maintenance of status quo from 2009 are not specifically listed here. For review and comparison, 2009 regulations may be viewed on the FWP website.

LEGEND: HD=hunting district, ES=either sex, AB=antlered buck/bull, BTB=brow-tined bull, DF=doe/fawn, WT=white-tailed deer, MD=mule deer, OTC=over-the-counter, WMA=wildlife mgmt area, BMU=bear mgmt unit, WMU=wolf mgmt unit, PTHFV=permit to hunt from a vehicle

#### **STATEWIDE**

Move nonresident application deadline for either-sex elk permits and antlered buck mule deer permits to March 15. Drawing allotment would be 10% of previous year's number of permits.

Apply a "multiplier" to bonus points. Specifically, bonus points proposed to be squared (1 bonus point squared to 1, 2 bonus points squared to 4, 4 bonus point squared to 16, etc.).

Implement party application for up to 2 - 5 persons (number set at final adoption) for residents and nonresidents for deer and elk special permit and license applications. Residents and nonresidents may not mix if application deadline above is adjusted.

#### **DEER**

Statewide

Saturday opener one day earlier than traditional Sunday for firearm season (also for elk)

Create youth (12 - 16 years of age) deer hunting season on third Thursday and Friday of October. Accompanying adult required comparable to other youth days.

Region 1

no proposed changes

#### Region 2

HD 250 - convert unlimited antlered buck mule deer permits to 400 limited permits

HDs 280/281/283/285/292/298 – convert general license ES WT archery and firearm season to AB WT; reduce antlerless licenses 281-00 and 283-00 from 100 each to 50 each

HD 282 – decrease 282-00 antlerless deer licenses from 50 to 25

HD 292/298 – combine unlimited antlered buck permits for each district into one permit batch (292-40) valid in both districts

#### Region 3

HD 302 – convert from AB MD general license to unlimited AB MD unlimited permits 302-40; decrease antlerless MD licenses 302-00 from 75 to 25 <u>OR</u> eliminate antlerless MD licenses

HD 309 – increase OTC antlerless WT licenses from 1 to 5 per person

- HD 320/331/333 clarify antlerless MD licenses with LPT suffix XXX-00
- HD 329 -- convert from AB MD general license to unlimited AB MD unlimited permits 329-40; decrease antlerless MD licenses 329-00 from 50 to 25 OR eliminate antlerless MD licenses
- HD 388 clarify language of Exclusion Zone in Weapons Restriction Area "Outside Weapons Restriction Area"; clarify in Deer/Elk and Antelope HD 388

REGION-WIDE -- convert any general license ES MD archery and firearm season to AB MD LPT 004-10/498-00 – combine unlimited resident and nonresident single region antlerless WT license

HDs 400/401/406 – create 300 antlerless WT licenses 400-01 valid in all three HDs

HDs 404/444 – create 300 antlerless WT licenses 404-01 valid in both HDs

HD 406 – maintain access permit to Marias State Park/Wildlife Management Area; require ALS# for application; summer application period

HDs 416/446/449/452/454- create 500 antlerless WT licenses 416-01 valid in all 5 HDs

HD 422 – convert general license ES MD to AB MD; create 50 antlerless MD licenses 422-00 valid outside Nat'l Forest Bndy

HD 424 – convert general license ES MD to AB MD; create 25 antlerless MD licenses 424-00 valid outside Nat'l Forest Bndy

HD 425 – convert general license ES MD to AB MD; create 25 antlerless MD licenses 425-00 valid outside Sun River WMA

HD 442 – convert general license ES MD to AB MD; create 25 antlerless MD licenses 442-00 valid outside Nat'l Forest Bndy and Ear Mtn WMA

#### Region 5

HDs 511/520/540 -- convert general license ES MD archery and firearm season to AB MD HD 560 – convert general license ES MD firearm season to AB MD

#### Region 6

REGION-WIDE -- combine unlimited resident and nonresident single region antlerless WT license 006-10

HD 630 – convert 630-20 ES WT license to ES WT permit

#### Region 7

no proposed changes

#### ELK

#### Statewide

Saturday opener one day earlier than traditional Sunday for firearm season (deer also)

Assemble existing License Permit Types (LPTs) 401-15, 411-15, 420-15, 500-15, 502-15, 580-15, 590-15 and 799-15 for all or portions of the 23 HDs 401, 403, 441, 450, 411, 412, 426, 511, 530, 420, 447, 455, 500, 570, 502, 510, 520, 575, 580, 590, 702, 704, 705 (as described in 2009 regulations) **into one bundle/LPT 900-15**. This permit group would be valid only during the archery season throughout the entire area described in total by the 23 districts or portions of districts (see 2009 regulations). These permit holders could also archery hunt in other general license districts. Total number of permits would be equal to the sum of the first and second choice resident and nonresident eligible applicants from the 2009 drawing process. This sum is 2950 (rounded from 2947) and would accommodate 95% of the 2009 eligible resident applications and 45%

of the 2009 eligible nonresident applications. This number of permits would apply to both the 2010 and 2011 seasons. Applicants may apply first, second or third choice. Antlerless elk would remain available on the general license during the archery season.

Replace all antlerless and brow-tined bull/antlerless elk <u>permits</u> (hereafter "antlerless permits") with antlerless elk <u>licenses</u>. This replacement would exchange these permits for antlerless licenses everywhere antlerless (or BTB/antlerless) permits are in place or proposed to be in place. Unless otherwise noted, biennial quota ranges for antlerless permits would apply to antlerless licenses. Holding this license would not limit the hunter to just an antlerless elk in the district for which the license is valid. All other components (time, place) would remain unchanged in this conversion. These antlerless licenses are "stand alone" licenses with no prerequisite purchase except the conservation license. They are commonly referred to as "A9/B12" licenses in reference to their statutory identification (resident and nonresident versions of the same license). This proposal would not preclude individual districts from offering permits *in addition* to these antlerless licenses to secure individual hunter harvest of two *antlerless* elk. Landowner preference extended to antlerless licenses. If adopted and due to the conversion to a license, this proposal would separate the current antlerless elk archery permits 410-16, 620-16 and 798-16 from the prerequisite first choice ES permit application in those districts.

Implement 4-year waiting period for those limited entry either sex, antlered bull or brow-tined bull elk permits (hereafter "either sex") with drawing odds 10% or less based upon first choice resident and nonresident applicants of the previous year's drawing as presented in the elk regulation booklet. This waiting period would not apply to landowner preference. If an applicant receives an either sex elk permit that had a drawing success rate of 10% or less the previous year, that applicant must wait four years before applying for any either sex elk permit with a 10% or less drawing success rate. The list of districts may change annually based upon the previous year's drawing results. To clarify, an applicant receiving one of these either sex elk permits in 2009 would not be eligible to apply for any other either sex elk permit with a drawing success rate of 10% or less until 2013. Either sex elk permits that fall into this category based upon the 2009 drawing are:

282-20

283-20

310-20

313-11

313-12

313-13

339-20

380-20

401-20

410-20

441-20

447-20

500-20

502-20

620-20

621-20

622-20

631-20

632-20

690-20

- HD 121 expand antlerless elk handicapped permit/license 121-02 to all of HD
- HD 141 eliminate antlerless permit type 141-00
- HD 150/151 eliminate 2 weeks of general license antlerless harvest during early backcountry firearm season

#### Region 2

- LPT 002-80 adjust archery only antlerless elk license 002-80 to be valid only in portions of HDs 201 and 203
- HD 201 establish a portion of district (201-02) with 100 antlerless permits/licenses, and decrease antlerless permits/licenses valid in the entire district (201-00) from 100 to 5
- HD 203 decrease antlerless permits/licenses in 203-00 from 100 to 50
- HDs 204/261/270 eliminate antlerless general license season and replace with antlerless permits/licenses (25 in HD 204, 25 in HD 261, 15 in HD 270-00 and 30 in HD 270-01); combine district portions 261-00 and 261-01 into single permit/license area; adjust antlerless permits/licenses 270-01 to be valid only from 11/15–11/28
- HDs 210/212/213/215/216/281/283/285/291/292/293 replace general license antlerless opportunity in third week with BTB; proposed antlerless permit/license levels are 250 in
- HD 210, 250 in HD 213, 350 in HD 215-00, 250 in HD 215-01, 150 in HD 281, 50 in HD 283-00, 100 in HD 283-01, 75 in HD 283-02, 5 in HD 283-20, 75 in HD 285-20, 200 in HD 285-21, 300 in HD 291, 200 in HD 292 and 50 in HD 293
- HD 212 split HD into two portions with 500 antlerless permits/licenses in 212-00 and 100 antlerless permits/licenses in 212-01
- HD 216 eliminate split districts 216-00 and 216-01, with 75 antlerless permits/licenses valid district-wide
- HD 250 eliminate antlerless harvest by archery, youth and PTHFV opportunities
- HD 280 eliminate antlerless harvest by PTHFV opportunity
- HD 290 create unlimited OTC archery only antlerless elk license 290-80 from 9/5-1/1
- HD 298 add HD to unlimited OTC archery only antlerless elk licenses 002-80

#### Region 3

- HD 300 expand district to include south portion of current HD 328; increase antlerless elk licenses 300-80 from 200 to 450; apply general license antlerless harvest on private and DNRC land only
- HDs 300/328/329/331/332 convert general license AB to BTB; ES available for youth and PTHFV
- HD 302 create unlimited BTB permit 302-50 for archery and firearm season in HD 302; create 350 antlerless elk licenses 302-80 through HD 302; apply general license antlerless harvest on private and DNRC land only; expand HD 302 to include central portion of HD 328
- HD 309 convert current general antlerless season from 9/1-1/15 to either sex with antlerless only after end of general firearm season
- HD 310 convert unlimited either sex permits 310-50 to limited with quota range of 5 to 450; eliminate general license either sex opportunity for youth and PTHFV
- HD 317 convert 5-week general license BTB/antlerless season to 5-week general license BTB with general license BTB/antlerless available last two weeks
- HDs 319/341 eliminate BTB/antlerless elk permits 319-10 and 341-10; eliminate all general license archery and firearm antlerless harvest opportunity except youth and PTHFV in firearm season

- HDs 322/323/324/325/326/327/330 eliminate antlerless elk license 322-80
- HD 321 divide HD 321 into HDs 321 and 334; general license adjusted from AB to BTB or antlerless for archery and firearm in HD 321; general license BTB or antlerless for archery in HD 334; general license BTB with BTB/antlerless for youth and PTHFV for firearm in HD 334; create 100 antlerless licenses 321-80 in HD 321; create 125 antlerless licenses 334-80 in HD 334
- HD 328 reduce HD with portions going to HDs 300 and 302; 150 antlerless licenses 328-80; apply general license antlerless harvest on private and DNRC land only; establish BTB/antlerless archery season if no unlimited BTB permits
- HDs 329/331/332 convert split season to 5-week BTB season with antlerless licenses; antlerless license numbers would be 250 in HD 329, 350 in HD 331 and 150 in HD 332
- HDs 339/343 addition of general license antlerless opportunity during last two weeks of general firearm season; eliminate antlerless permits 339-00 and 343-00

- LPT 004-80 adjust antlerless elk license to be valid on private and DNRC lands in all Region 4 HDs except HDs 401, 410, 417, 420 and 455
- HD 416 create 200 antlerless licenses 416-80 valid in portion of district south and west of the Sheep Creek Road (USFS Road #119)
- HD 425 create five ES permits valid throughout HD; add HD archery regulations for 23 HDs outside Breaks (same permit level as proposal above)
- HD 442 add harvest from existing antlerless licenses 442-80 to HD 442 elk quota; antlerless harvest from these licenses will stop if quota is met
- HDs 448/420 addition of general license opportunity during last nine days of general firearm season; reduce antlerless permits/licenses in HDs 420 and 448 from 250 to 200

#### Region 5

HD 560 -- expand antlerless licenses to be valid outside Nat'l Forest Bndy throughout HD; increase antlerless licenses from 50 to 75

HD 580 -- expand antlerless licenses to be valid outside Nat'l Forest Bndy throughout HD

#### Region 6

no proposed changes

#### Region 7

HD 700 – increase antlerless permits/licenses 700-00 from 600 to 700 HDs 700/701 -- reduce archery ES permits 798-15 from 820 to 600

HDs 702/704/705 – increase antlerless permits/licenses 799-00 from 150 to 200

#### **ANTELOPE**

#### Statewide

Move the opening day of the general firearm season for antelope to Saturday of Columbus Day weekend and adjust the antelope archery only season to end Friday the day before this opener. The proposed opening date for the general firearm season for antelope would thus overlap with the opening date for the pheasant season.

Adjust the existing antelope license application process to include separate application opportunities (same deadline, same overall application form) for either sex and doe/fawn licenses. Both the antelope either sex application and the antelope doe/fawn application would each include 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices. This would allow any single applicant to potentially receive two antelope licenses from the drawing—one either sex and one doe/fawn. These could be in the

same or in different hunting districts. This is consistent with current regulations that allow an individual hunter to hold up to three antelope licenses only one of which may be either sex.

Adjust the antelope 900 archery only license structure and application process to include a separate application process from the existing antelope application and drawing process. Specifically, adjust the antelope 900 archery only license to first and only choice with an application deadline of May 1 (same as Moose, Sheep, Goat and Bison). Application for this license would then preclude the applicant from applying for other antelope licenses to be allocated in the existing Antelope drawing with an application deadline of June 1. If successful in securing an antelope 900 license, the applicant may still purchase up to two antelope doe/fawn 900-30 licenses and could still purchase any surplus antelope licenses within the existing limitation of only three antelope licenses per hunter only one of which may be either sex.

#### Region 2

HD 215 – increase ES licenses 215-00 from 10 to 25 and increase DF licenses 215-10 from 15 to 25

#### Region 3

HD 300 – eliminate limited OTC DF licenses 300-20; create 100 DF licenses 300-10 through annual drawing

HD 301 – eliminate DF licenses 301-10

HD 318 -- eliminate limited OTC DF licenses 318-20; create 500 DF licenses 318-10 through annual drawing

HD 319 – decrease ES licenses from 75 to 50; create 25 DF licenses 319-10 through annual drawing

HD 388 -- eliminate limited OTC DF licenses 388-20; create 100 DF licenses 388-10through annual drawing; create 388-30 DF license up to 2 licenses available to successful 388-00 applicants; clarify exclusion zone

#### Region 4

HD 481 – adjust DF licenses 481-10 to be valid throughout HD

#### Region 5

HDs 500/501/510/511/512/513/514/530/540/550/560/570/590 (all Region 5 antelope hunting districts) – contingent upon adjustment to application process in "antelope-statewide" above adjust DF licenses from being available for purchase by success ES applicants to independent DF licenses distributed through annual drawing

#### Region 6

HD 600 – create 200 DF licenses 600-11 valid in portion of HD west of Highway 233

#### Region 7

no proposed changes

### **MOOSE**

#### Region 1

HD 105 – eliminate antlerless licenses 105-10

#### Region 2

HDs 240/250/270 – convert all ES licenses to AB

HD 303 – expand HD in northwest corner of Crazy Mountains; convert ES licenses to AB; increase AB quota from 4 to 6

HDs 321/323/326/327 – close HD 321; eliminate ES licenses 323-00; eliminate ES licenses 326-00; eliminate ES licenses 327-00

HD 334 – convert ES licenses 334-00 to AB

#### Region 4

no proposed changes

#### Region 5

HD 515 – close HD 515

#### Region 6

no proposed changes

#### **BIGHORN SHEEP**

#### Region 1

no proposed changes

#### Region 2

HD 270 – close HD 270

#### Region 3

HD 302 – re-open with 2 ES licenses 302-00; season to close Oct 31

HD 303 – expand HD with adjustment to northern bndy

HD 381 – close HD 381

#### Region 4

no proposed changes

#### Region 5

HD 500 – expand HD

#### Region 6

HD 622 – adjust east bndy; expand area adult ewe licenses 622-30 are valid to that portion of HD lying west of Timber Creek

HD 680 – increase ES licenses 680-00 from 20 to 25

#### **MOUNTAIN GOAT**

#### Region 1

no proposed changes

#### Region 2

HD 280 – close HD

HD 223 – move opening date to standard 9/15

#### Region 3

HDs 312/313/314/320/324/325/326/327/328/330/331/362/393 – standard opener of 9/15

no proposed changes

#### Region 5

no proposed changes

#### **BLACK BEAR**

#### Statewide

Initiate archery only season for black bear to start with the general archery opener on the first Saturday in September. The black bear archery only season would be open in any open management unit and would end not later (if quotas apply) than the day before the Fall black bear firearm season starts (proposed to be September 15). Any bear legally taken will apply towards any established quotas and subquotas and any harvest will be curtailed by quota/subquota closures.

Start Fall firearm season for black bear commonly on September 15 in all areas.

#### Region 1

Switch Spring season validation to Cabinet Yaak side of Highway 93 in BMUs 100/102/104/105/108 instead of Northern Continental Divide BMUs 103/106

#### Region 2

Create new BMU 200 to include deer/elk HDs 200/201/202/203; extend Spring season to 5/31

BMUs 216/240 – extend Spring closing date to 6/15 in deer/elk HD 270 portion of BMU 216 and in deer/elk HD 250 portion of BMU 240

BMUs 280/290 – extend Spring closing date to 5/31

#### Region 3

BMU 300 – extend Spring closing date to 5/31

#### Region 4

no proposed changes

#### Region 5

BMU 510 – adjust Fall opener to 9/15; expand Spring and Fall quotas and subquotas to entire BMU

BMU 520 -- adjust Fall opener to 9/15; expand Spring and Fall subquotas to entire BMU

#### Region 7

BMU 700 – increase Fall quota from 2 to 4

#### **BIENNIAL OUOTA RANGES**

see list of biennial quota ranges on website

#### **BISON**

#### Region 3

HD 385 – expand HD 385 by adding USFS lands in Maiden Basin and portions of Little Trail Creek to existing Eagle Creek portion of HD 385

#### **MOUNTAIN LION**

#### Statewide

Initiate archery only season for mountain lion to would start with the general archery opener on the first Saturday in September. The mountain lion archery only season would be open in any open management unit and would end not later than the closing of the general archery season on the Sunday one week before the start of the Fall deer and elk general rifle season. Any lion legally taken will apply towards currently established Fall subquotas. That is, not more than 20% of the total individual district(s) lion quota or special licenses may be taken during Fall general archery and general rifle seasons. If the total quota or special licenses are less than five, not more than one lion may be taken during these Fall seasons.

#### Regions 1 - 7

no proposed changes

#### **UPLAND GAME BIRD**

#### Statewide

Non-toxic shot for all game bird hunting on all WMAs

#### Region 1

LPT 182-20 – convert 400 limited spring tom turkey permits to unlimited OTC Spring licenses LPT 183-20 – convert 300 limited spring tom turkey permits to unlimited OTC Spring Licenses LPT 183-21 – increase Spring tom turkey permits from 10 to 30

#### Region 2

Bitterroot Watershed – establish new district with all of Ravalli County and portions of Missoula County; Spring season will be general license tom, Fall season will be general license ES Mineral County – revoke turkey season closure in portion of Mineral County

Portion of Missoula County – adjust district bndy in accordance with new Bitterroot Watershed district

#### **Region 3 - 7**

no proposed changes

# SEASON DATES Proposed 2010 Season Dates

Season	Dates/Process				
Antelope 900	8/15 – 11/14 (8/15 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November)				
Antelope archery	9/4 – 10/8 (First Saturday of September to Friday				
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Antelope general	10/9 – 11/14 (Saturday of Columbus Day weekend				
	to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November)				
Moose/sheep/goat	9/15 – 11/28 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving;				
	some districts vary)				
Bison	11/15 – 2/15				
Black bear spring	4/15 – 5/15 (some districts end later)				
Black bear fall -	9/4 – 9/14 (First Saturday of September to 9/14)				
archery					
Back bear fall	9/15 – 11/28 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving)				
Deer/elk/lion archery	9/4 – 10/17 (First Sat in Sept to Sunday before				
	general deer/elk opener)				
Deer/elk	9/15 – 11/28 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving)				
backcountry					
Deer youth	10/21 – 10/22 (third Thursday in October and next				
	day Friday)				
Deer/elk general	10/23 - 11/28 (37 days ending Thanksgiving				
	Sunday—Saturday start)				
Mountain lion fall	10/23 – 11/28 (37 days ending Thanksgiving				
	Sunday—Saturday start)				
Mountain lion winter	12/1 – 4/14				
Sage grouse	9/1 – 11/1				
Sharp-tailed grouse	9/1 – 1/1				
Mountain grouse	9/1 – 12/15				
Partridge	9/1 – 1/1 (9/1 to 1/10 for portion of Carbon County)				
Pheasant	10/9 – 1/1 (Saturday of Columbus Day weekend to				
	1/1)				
Youth Pheasant	overlap youth waterfowl				
General/Youth	to be adopted late summer 2010				
Waterfowl	to be adopted late summer 2010				
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Turkey spring	4/10 – 5/16 (2nd Saturday in April to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in				
	May)				
Turkey fall	9/1 – 1/1				
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## **Proposed 2011 Season Dates**

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Season	Dates/Process			
Antelope 900	8/15 – 11/13 (8/15 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November)			
Antelope archery	9/3 – 10/7 (First Saturday in September to Friday			
	of Columbus Day weekend)			
Antelope general	10/8 – 11/13 (Saturday of Columbus Day weekend			
	to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November)			
Moose/sheep/goat	9/15 – 11/27 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving;			
	some districts vary)			
Bison	11/15 – 2/15			
Black bear spring	4/15 – 5/15 (some districts end later)			
Black bear fall - archery	9/3 – 9/14 (First Saturday of September to 9/14)			
Back bear fall	9/15 – 11/27 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving)			
Deer/elk/lion archery	9/3 – 10/16 (First Sat in Sept to Sunday before			
	general deer/elk opener)			
Deer/elk	9/15 – 11/27 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving)			
backcountry				
Deer youth	10/20 – 10/21 (third Thursday in October and next			
	day Friday)			
Deer/elk general	10/22 - 11/27 (37 days ending Thanksgiving			
	Sunday—Saturday start)			
Mountain lion fall	10/22 – 11/27 (37 days ending Thanksgiving			
	Sunday—Saturday start)			
Mountain lion winter	12/1 – 4/14			
Sage grouse	9/1 – 11/1			
Sharp-tailed grouse	9/1 – 1/1			
Mountain grouse	9/1 – 12/15			
Partridge	9/1 – 1/1 (9/1 to 1/10 for portion of Carbon County)			
Pheasant	10/8 – 1/1 (Saturday of Columbus Day weekend to			
	1/1)			
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Youth Pheasant	overlap youth waterfowl			
General/Youth	To be adopted late summer 2011			
Waterfowl	·			
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Turkey spring	4/9 – 5/15 (2nd Saturday in April to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in			
T 4 . C.V	May)			
Turkey fall	9/1 – 1/1			

## GAME DAMAGE/MGMT SEASON QUOTAS

REGION	DEER	ELK	ANTELOPE	
1	100	50	0	
2	400	600	50	
3	1400	2000	200	
4	1500	1000	450	
5	1400	600	300	
6	5000	500	100	
7	5000	200	500	

2010 – Hunting Seasons Proposals - Regional Public Meeting Calendar – January 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
·				1 HOLIDAY
4 R2-Seeley Lake 6:30pm Seeley Lake Community Ctr	R2-Missoula 6:30 Double Tree Inn R3-Butte 7pm War Bonnet Hotel R4-Ft. Benton 7pm City Hall	R2-Lincoln 6:30pm Lambkins R3-Whitehall 7pm Whitehall HS R3-Bozeman 7pm Holiday Inn	7 R2-Helmville 6:30pm Community Ctr R3-Ennis 7pm Ennis Firehall R4-Wolf Creek 7pm Elementary School	8
R2-Drummond 6:30pm Community Ctr R4-Chester 7pm HS Auditorium R4-White Sulphur 7pm City Hall R5-Red Lodge 7pm MS Cafeteria R6-Havre 7pm Duck Inn	R2-Superior 6:30pm Superior Ranger District  R3-Helena 7pm Colonial Red Lion Inn  R4-Augusta 7pm Catholic Church  R4-Shelby 7pm Marias River Electric  R5-Columbus 7pm HS Cafeteria  R7-Glendive 7pm Dawson Community College	R2-Philipsburg 6:30pm Granite Co. Museum R3-West Yellowstone 7pm Holiday Inn Sunspree R4-Stanford 7pm City Hall R5-Big Timber 7pm HS Cafeteria R7-Miles City 7pm Miles City Community College	R2-Deer Lodge 6:30pm Community Ctr R3-Dillon 7pm Search & Rescue Bldg R4-Conrad 7pm Pondera Shooting Sports Club R4-Lewistown 7pm FWP Local office R5-Harlowton 7pm Kiwanis Youth Ctr R6-Plentywood 7pm Library R7-Ashland 7pm St. Labre School	16 – Saturday R1-Kalispell 10am-2pm Kalispell Ctr Mall, West Coast Motel
18 HOLIDAY  R5-Billings 7pm Holiday Inn  R2-Potomac 6:30pm Community Ctr	R2/R3-Anaconda 6:30pm Lee Metcalf Ctr R3-Livingston 7pm Best Western Yellowstone Inn R3-Lima 7pm Lima Public School Bldg R4 – Great Falls 7pm MSU GF's R5-Roundup 7pm Ambulance Barn R6-Glasgow 7pm Cottonwood Inn	20 R2-Hamilton 6:30pm Bitterroot River Inn R6-Malta 7pm HS Cafeteria	21 R2-Darby 6:30pm Darby HS Cafeteria R3-Gardiner 7pm Comfort Inn	PUBLIC COMMENT ENDS.
25	26	27	28	29

For more information contact the local regional offices.